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Juneau Native
Church*

Juneau, Alaska,
March 30, 1938.

Rev. John A. Glasse,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Glasse:-

Referring to our conversation in the matter of the possibility of my selling my property herein Juneau for possible church and Manse use, I have to advise that while I have no real desire to sell that part of my property which I call the up-land section, yet as this portion ties-in so advantageously with the water front section, especially for the purposes in mind, I will quote a price on the whole property, as well as submit a figure on the tide-land section separately.

The property is described on the tax roll of the City of Juneau as Survey 574, lot 7 -part of lot and water front to Willoughby Ave., and building. As you will note from the attached diagram, the property extends from Distin Avenue, through the Native village, to Willoughby avenue, a distance of approximately 350 feet in length by an average of 40 feet wide.

As you are personally aware, this property is divided into what might be termed, three areas. The first might be designated as that parcel of ground 40 x 149 feet on the up-land, and reached by Distin avenue. At corners 6 and 9 of the lot, which we will term the second area, the property drops off gradually to the level of the Native village, and from these corners to the sidewalk, ~~orn~~ street, running through the Native village there is an area 39.65 x 55.07 feet. The third area lies immediately in front of this second area and comprises the filled area extending out to Willoughby avenue and representing a space of approximately 40 x 144 feet.

On the up-land, or first mentioned area, there is a six room house with full basement under the entire building, with the exception of under the breakfast room, also concrete walls under three sides of the main structure. The first floor of the residence contains a long L-shaped living room, bath room, kitchen and breakfast room with large built-in cooler. The living room has a solid-timber, beam ceiling and hardwood floor. Along the entire north side of the house, and opening into the living room by means of French doors and windows, is a sun porch entirely enclosed in glass and about five feet wide. About three years ago I fully modernized the living room section of the house, including an artistic open staircase leading to the second floor. The second floor contains two separate bed rooms with closets. Might say that the large breakfast room and cooler was added to the house when modernized about three years ago.

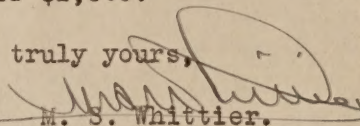
The house is heated by a hot air furnace, piped to all rooms, including one up-stairs bed room. The furnace is equipped with an automatic "Sunbeam" oil burner and large oil tank buried in the yard

outside the building. In the basement are located stationary wash tubs equipped with hot and cold water. There is also a laundry stove located in the basement. The entire house is wired for electric heating if desired in emergency. The kitchen is also wired for an electric stove or range. The hot water tank is equipped with an electric heating unit. This tank is also connected with a hot water coil in the furnace and laundry stove. All this equipment insures economical heating of water for bath, kitchen and laundry purposes during any part of the year.

The entire property from Distin avenue to the street running through the Native village is fenced in and in good condition. I have mentioned to you that this piece of property is the only patented property extending through the Native village and having water front rights. As you already know, the residence section of this property is beautifully situated as to view, drainage, accessibility etc. It is also surrounded, for the major part, with fine modern homes, as well as a large apartment house.

I will sell the entire property, including the house, for the sum of \$8,000. Or I will sell the filled area of approximately 40 x 144 feet for the sum of \$1,000.

Very truly yours,


M. S. Whittier.

(Extract from minutes of a joint meeting of the Elders and Trustees of the Northern Light Presbyterian church, Juneau, held March 27, 1938)

After discussion of the proposed sites for the erection of the new Native Presbyterian church in Juneau -

"Mr. Nordling moved the Officers go on record to Presbytery that the proposed new Native church in Juneau should be erected in the vicinity of the present Native church."

Motion was duly seconded and carried.

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Juneau, Alaska,
May 6, 1938.

Dr. John M. Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor:

I have delayed writing to you until we could clear up the situation here and have something definite to write. I have spent the time elapsing since the return from Presbytery's meeting and the receipt of your wire authorizing the purchase of the ground asked for in the petition of the First Church to Presbytery, in trying to purchase the ground from Mr. Shattuck the owner. Mr. Shattuck has been sympathetic, and I really believe would like to sell the property to the Board for the erection of the proposed plant.

I hesitate to write to you of what transpired at Presbytery's meeting at Angoon, relative to the petition of the First Church. My experience in Juneau since we left the Princeton has been a nightmare which I wish I could wash out of my memory. However some things must be told in order to place the entire matter before you.

The Petition was not presented to Presbytery until the last day of Presbytery's sessions. The reason for this was the failure of Mr. Glasse in presenting the minutes of his Session for the approval of Presbytery. In our Presbytery the Clerks are made responsible for the review of the minutes of sessions. The actual work is done through sub-committees. Being Stated Clerk the books were to be handed in to my desk, to be delivered to the sub-committee. Before leaving for the meeting of Presbytery, Mr. Troast called me to his office for a conference. At this conference he told me the reason he wished to see me was relative to the action of the Official Boards of the Northern Light Church re the site for the building of the new plant. He said that Mr. Glasse had brought the matter before the Boards and asked for a resolution against our building in any other location except where we are now located. Mr. Troast said that he, Mr. Faulkner, and Mr. Robertson voted against the resolution and that their names should be so recorded. Mr. Troast wanted me to know of this action before the meeting of Presbytery so that it could not be implied that the action was unanimous. Rev. Pederson was the chairman of the sub-committee on these records. I spoke to him about Mr. Troast's request.

Our elder, Mrs. Barlow, also a member of the Building Committee of the First Church, finally presented the Petition. The minutes of the Northern Light Church were said not to be present for review. Mr. Glasse immediately took the floor. This was at about 2:30 P.M. Monday. He talked until the Order of the Day at 4:00 P.M., at which time Presbytery adjourned to meet in closed session after dinner. Mr. Glasse took the floor again and spoke for four hours, bringing in your correspondence ordering us to build either on the present site, or on the Whittier property. When it was shown that the Whittier property was only 40 feet wide and could not accommodate the proposed building as shown in the blue print, Mr. Glasse stated that it was as large as the Board could afford to build a Native Plant on.

Mr. Glasse not only produced your correspondence, but also brought papers from the Chief of Police, the City Engineer, (Mr. Hirst,) Members of the

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had with Mr. Hirst*

City Council, the Office of Indian Affairs Head Doctor, Mr. Shattuck the owner of the ground, and finally produced his minutes and read the unanimous resolution of the his Official Boards opposing the building of the plant on any other site than the present one or Mr. Whittier's property. He then presented a letter from Mr. Whittier offering his filled in lot for \$1000, or both lot and his residence above at \$8,000.

Then I was taken to task and charged with conduct unbecoming a Christian minister because I had talked with Mr. Faulkner about our plans without first securing his permission to do so. Near midnight one of the brethren told Mr. Glasse that he had talked long enough, that this was not a meeting of Congress and a process of filibustering. Let Mrs. Barlow speak for her Church.

I tried to clear up some matters which were misquoted by Mr. Glasse, and giving a wrong impression. Especially as to remarks of Mr. Hirst. Mr. Hirst feels keenly the putting him in ^{an} wrong position. As to my speaking to Mr. Faulkner I felt that I had a right to ask him if the position of Mr. Glasse relative to our program was the position of the Session and membership of the Northern Light Church, since Mr. Faulkner had been one of the committee to meet in my home for discussion of the matter. My visit to Mr. Robertson was at the request of Mr. Faulkner, I stated. The third man called me to his office without word from me. I did not mention Mr. Troast's name. I also stated that the record of a unanimous vote against the new site, was told me before I left for Angoon was not unanimous. The records were not correct according to the statement of Mr. Troast. As I wrote to you before, Mr. Faulkner told me ~~that~~ the conference at my home in October, ~~that that time~~ was the first he had heard of the controversy. Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Troast all said that it was none of Mr. Glasse's business, nor of the Northern Light Church where we built the new plant. So much was said against the four hours talk. The program of the church was outlined. Thirty minutes were taken by Mrs. Barlow, Betts, and myself.

Mrs. Barlow spoke about the hope of the people, both members of our church and the neighborhood, for a spiritual home, and for the help it would give in raising the children and safe-guarding of the growing girls. Mrs. Barlow has six girls. She plead for help in training them. George Betts broke down and cried when he told that the very spot upon which the church was planned to be built was the sacred ground of his own uncle. And that when it was stolen from him by the whites by the aid of law, that his uncle went out and killed himself. He plead that Mr. Glasse help the Native people instead of doing things that would hurt them and cause them to lose faith in Christianity.

A motion was made by Mr. Swanson limiting the building of the church, anywhere except along the street fronting on the beach, or tide flats. This was voted down. The petition was granted with a vote of 17 to 2. Three Native elders had gone to bed. The whole matter finally centered around the section #4, which is as follows:

"4- Should it be impossible to secure the ground specified in the foregoing petition, that the Building Committee and the Board be empowered to purchase other ground in the same central locality."

This can be interpreted to grant to the Board the power to purchase any suitable ground for the church and manse which will be centrally located to meet the needs of the work and congregation.

Since receiving your wire I have undertaken to secure the ground in question. I called upon Mr. Faulkner and he has tried to get Mr. Shattuck to

Sell the ground for the purpose given. After Mr. Faulkner's talks with Mr. Shattuck I took Mrs. Waggoner, and one of the Building Committee, Mr. Oswald, with me and called upon Mr. Shattuck and presented the blue prints which you sent me, and outlined the program. Mr. Shattuck was impressed with the program. I believe that he did not fully understand what is being planned. I think the public generally are measuring our church and its program in terms of the present unsightly and unsanitary plant which we have been compelled to occupy for 24 years. The people cannot visualize any other program, nor any other Natives than those they see in the courts and jail, and those reeling on the streets in a state of intoxication.

At Mr. Shattuck's request I called upon all those who have homes in the same block, or who are contemplating building. About half of them stated to me that they would be glad to have us there. The others were either antagonistic, or would give consent only if the others did. The most difficult persons in the matter are those who live two to three blocks away, and are affiliated with the Northern Light. I have not heard any person except Mr. Glasse state that it would interfere with the Northern Light's work of field. The other ministers in town think it would be good to have our church there.

A few people said that they did not want a church in their community, since it would depreciate their property. Others that they did not want to be disturbed by the ringing of bells for service, especially on Sunday Morning when they wanted to sleep. Others that they did not want Natives walking on the street in front of their property. This last statement is not new to me, since I have heard many of those with race hatred say the same thing to me many times before the present agitation. The whole matter heads up in the race prejudice and race hatred which has grown out of the opposition and antagonism from Mr. Glasse. I believe we could have gotten the ground if this opposition had not been started and gotten the people's minds centered on the Natives in their worst environment, degraded condition, and their diseased condition which is common talk among the whites. Recent government investigation has shown that the Natives in many respects are not more of a menace to the health of the Territory than the white, and that the Natives do respond to treatment and recover from these diseases better than whites.

I have had a long talk with a member of the Building Committee last night. We have come to the conclusion that there is no site available for the building of the church and manse adjacent. Where ever we buy now we will have to buy ground with building or buildings upon it. As was stated in the letter of April 17th, 1937, from the Building Committee, signed by Ralph P. Waggoner, and in your files, "The proposed site can be obtained at a most reasonable price and will require the least expenditure of any site available in preparation for construction. There is little excavating needed and ~~XXX~~ little filling to do which lessens the cost of construction considerably. The tide flat lots, after being purchased, each would require incostt for filling alone as much or more than the price of each of the lots in the proposed site. Also the proposed site can be very easily surfaced for grass and shrubbery after construction of the church." I quote this to bring to your mind the fact that in looking for another place for the construction of the buildings we will have to face the fact of larger cost.

I see no other way out of the problem, and others agree with me, than that you who have authority to buy, and obligate the Board financially, and with the Committee decide upon location for Church, and also the relation of manse location to the church, will have to come to Juneau and make purchase of the sites for church and manse. It is impossible for me to do anything further

in trying to buy ground or decide on the location. I am sorry that this is so. The Committee feels the same way. Another factor is the long delay which will follow if anything further is to be decided by correspondence. Every letter takes three weeks minimum time to get an answer.

In consultation with the architects I find that considerable correspondence will be necessary to iron out the plans after the ground is secured. The specifications will have to be revised to meet conditions in Alaska. Juneau has now a building code. Plans and specifications will have to conform to that code before a permit for building can be secured. I tried to get a copy of the code for you. It is not in print. It consists of 105 pages of legal size sheets, type written.

I see no other way to get the building this year, unless you visit Juneau with time enough to iron out the whole matter and get the contracts let. I wish that it were otherwise. If we fail in getting the building started this year, as far as our influence to hold the people after what has been done to them is problematical. I do not believe we can hold the group together another year in the present quarters.

Since the meeting of Presbytery Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Troast have both said to me that the record of the minutes showing the Boards of the Northern Light opposition to our building other than in the present site is not correct. Mr. Whittier called me to come to his office. He told me that he wanted me to understand that he did not really want to sell his home as Mr. Glasse inferred. But he would be happy to have fine church and manse in the foreground of his living room view. He also stated that the ground in the fill on the beach would be inadequate for the building of a plant such as shown in the blue print.

The whole turmoil over having a decent building for our Natives has brought keen sorrow to my heart. Nothing that I can conceive in my mind would permit me to go through another such experience, if I knew it was before me. There is only one ray of comfort which I have. One of my brothers in the ministry, while at Angoon, called me a "Christian Gentleman", after the vote was taken. It is a comfort to be able to look at yourself in the glass.

Sincerely yours,

David Haggone

air mail

May 25, 1938.

Rev. David Waggoner,
Box 1421,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Waggoner:

I have your letter of May 6th, which I have read over several times in order to get a clear picture of the situation. Of course, I am disappointed to learn that the site which the Native Church had selected for their new building is not now available. Of course there must be some other locality that is suitable and purchasable where we can build this new Native Church, which we must have and which we intend to have now that the objections have been overridden by the favorable action of the presbytery. The National Missions Committee of the Presbytery is not only fully competent to select a site but it seems to me that it is their particular and definite prerogative to do so.

I appreciate your confidence in me in asking me to come to Juneau to attend to this matter, and if I had the time to combine some other work which I could do on a trip of that kind, I would be very happy to come but I am under terrific pressure all the time and it would not seem to me to be good judgment for me to drop everything here in order to make that comparatively long trip to Juneau just for this one errand which can be done better probably by the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery in cooperation with you. I am writing, therefore, to Mr. Pederson today, asking him to take the whole matter in hand and promising to defray any expense connected with trips which he will have to make to Juneau in order to cooperate with your church in selecting a site which will be approved by the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery. If Mr. Pederson wants to take the whole committee to Juneau with him in order to select the site, it will be satisfactory to me and I will pay their expenses. When this is done I will be glad, if you feel that it is necessary for you to have any help in making such adjustments in the plans as may be necessary, to authorize Mr. Pederson to continue to cooperate with you in the work of erecting the building. Mr. Pederson has had some valuable experience in church building projects. His own building in Wrangell is a tribute to his genius and understanding of the requirements of the church and Sunday school program.

It is not necessary for you to send me a copy of the building code of Juneau. I would rather have you take the tentative plans which I sent to you and put them in the hands of the local architect, who is very anxious to have the job of drawing up the final plans and specifications, with the understanding that he will follow out the general idea of the plans which I submitted, and then put them into shape to adapt them to the size of the plot which will be selected, with full consideration for the requirements of the building code of

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Juneau. I forget the name of this architect but he is a man with whom you have been in contact and you will understand to whom I am referring. I think we ought to have an understanding with him as to his charges for drawing the plans, and also what he will charge for assuming the responsibility of letting the contract or contracts and for the oversight of the building. If when the construction is begun, you feel that you need Mr. Pederson down at Juneau to help you in the oversight of the work, I will be glad to authorize him to make as many trips as are necessary from Wrangell to Juneau in order to do this.

The important thing now is to get the site selected at the earliest possible moment and when this is done you may then wire me as to the amount required for the purchase of the plot and I can send a check by air mail. We planned, I think, to spend about \$2700 for the plot which had been selected by your Native congregation and, of course, we would not want to go very much beyond that amount for any other plot which you may select, because we have based our budget for this new building project on an expenditure of about that amount for the ground.

It will be understood, of course, that your architect will submit the final plans and blueprints to us before the letting of any contract. When these final plans are submitted to our Board they should be accompanied by bids from reliable contractors, and they should be accompanied also by a recommendation from yourself and from the architect as to the bid which should be accepted.

I have noted in your letter the possibility of being obliged to pay a little more for the ground than we had contemplated and, of course, we are not going to postpone the completion of this project for the sake of a few hundred dollars additional which we may have to pay in order to secure the right location. Above all things, we must be sure we are right in the location which is selected, for we are building not for today but for the future. I think that, since Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Troast and others in the Northern Light Church have manifested a real interest in this project, it would be a very fine thing for you to continue to seek their counsel in a friendly way and in an individual way, not involving the Northern Light Church or its pastor, as you go along in the development of your plans.

I have also noted your statement that "wherever we buy now we will have to buy ground with building or buildings upon it". If in your investigation of possible sites you find one that is satisfactory and which now has a building or buildings on it, you might take into consideration the possibility of using the building or one of the buildings for a new manse, especially if it presents possibilities of making certain repairs and additions which would make it adaptable as a comfortable home for the minister.

In other words, I am leaving the whole matter in the hands of the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery to work out with you, subject to final approval by our Board. If Mr. Pederson will get to work immediately there is no reason why we cannot speed up the whole

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project, working through the summer, and completing it next fall. In adopting this policy we are placing the responsibility where it belongs and I am quite convinced that it is a sound administrative procedure.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Pederson, requesting that he communicate with you as quickly as possible and give you all possible assistance representing the National Missions Committee.

Faithfully yours,

JMS/s

c. to Rev Russell Pederson
Wrangell, Alaska

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Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska
June 13th 1938

Dr. J. M. Somerndike
Board National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. Somerndike:

June 11th I sent you the following night letter: "National Missions Committee and Waggoner have met, selected site for church only and have taken thirty day option at sixteen hundred (period) Please forward immediately sixteen hundred dollars to Lawyer H L Faulkner to complete purchase and secure deed (period) All members committee and Waggoner and Troast heartily approve this location (period) Purchase of acceptable site for manse has to wait arrival of owner (period) Recommend purchase of manse lot be left in hands of architect Troast and Waggoner (period) Leaving for Wrangell early Monday morning."

On my arrival in Juneau Wednesday night I immediately contacted Architect N. Lester Troast and learned the locations and plans Mr. Waggoner had discussed with him. Then I made a survey of the native part of town. The site which Mr. Glasse had opposed could possibly have been secured in a round about manner, but a more suitable location at 8th and E streets which is just outside the "Shattuck Addition" appealed to us all. The night Waggoner, Webster, Bromley and Swogger reached Juneau we had a conference. We all had looked over possibilities. After a calm deliberation we unanimously agreed on the site which is 80 ft by 90 ft. We authorized Mr. Troast to complete the securing of the option which he did by paying down \$100 and then I sent the above quoted wire to you collect.

The site secured is the NW corner of the intersection of E street and 8th street. The 80 foot frontage is on the channel side of E street, the thorough fare which leads through the old Indian village out toward the Douglas bridge and also Auke Lake. This is directly across from the ball park. The 90 foot frontage is on 8th street.

Twenty feet more on 8th street will provide more ample grounds. A member of the native church owns the land, and Waggoner is certain that can be purchased at about \$200. We felt it wiser to leave that part of the deal until the corner purchase has been consummated.

Now we have three sites in mind for the manse. One is next to the church on E street, another is the NE corner of the intersection of E and 9th Streets, another is a block farther from the church. Have left that purchase in hands of Waggoner and Troast. The owner of the property of first choice is out of town, but we hope that on his return, he may decide to sell at a reasonable figure.

Mr. Troast went over the plans with me and told me how he is endeavoring to simplify them so that the cost of the church building and heating plant may not exceed \$17,000 which Mr. Waggoner stated is available for the church building only. There was nothing to

*Agree that the small house on lot
be removed as it is no
value to church.*

gain by my remaining longer in Juneau, so I am returning to Wrangell tonight to work in our Vacation Bible School which Mrs. Pederson started today.

Mr. Troast and Mr. Waggoner will work out the plans to their satisfaction and Mr. Troast will mail me a copy of the plans, and I hope the specifications, as I believe you wish me to give my suggestions before they are finally submitted for bids. I am not convinced that stucco is practical. Other members of the committee question the advisability of using stucco. It may work out O K providing dry fir or pine lumber from outside is used. Have urged the use of fir for the joists and studding and other timbers. Am not certain what Waggoner and Troast will ask for.

Waggoner is going out about June 29th for a trip to California and conduct a tour. That may delay construction a short time.

Waggoner wishes to have the manse built at once. He asked Troast to prepare plans which would provide a manse about the same size as the manse in which he now lives. I believe the present manse is larger than necessary. Waggoner says it is not. He expressed himself as provoked that I should be giving comments on the Manse plans. The larger the manse, the greater the cost of building and upkeep. Waggoner is taking real pride in having a church and manse as sumptuous as possible.

What amount has Waggoner been authorized to expend or contemplate using for

1. The church building?
2. The manse?
3. The annual operating budget? (from the Board)

Waggoner is planning on a plant and program with the operating budget maintained in large part for at least a couple of years by the National Missions Board. Committee members questioned the advisability of so large a plant unless the Board is prepared to finance the budget which may include an additional worker in the native church.

Presbytery elected me delegate to attend Synod at Tacoma. I plan to leave Wrangell June 24 or July 1st and return immediately after the meeting. Am willing to do all I can to serve.

The Committee expense for assembling at Juneau which I recommend be paid is as follows:

Rev. J.L. Webster, Sitka	\$13.
Rev. D.D. Swogger, Metlakatla	20.85
Rev. R.F. Pederson, Wrangell	33.35

Rev. E. E. Bromley used the Lindsley and had no extra expense.

Rev. Swogger and Webster came on Princeton from Sitka and had only the steamer return fare and 3 nights in hotel.

I had steamer fare both ways and 5 nights in hotel in Juneau.

Am writing this letter on the steamer typewriter so please pardon the mistakes caused by the unfamiliar machine.

We believe that we have been led of the spirit of God, and that the site selected for the church is favorable and will be approved by the people as a whole.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

Suggest your office send me, enclosing your letter to Waggoner so I may keep in touch.

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June 20th, 1938

Rev. Russell P. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I received your letter of June 13th just as I was intending to write you regarding the amount of money that will be available for us to expend for our building enterprise in Juneau. Our original plans called for an expenditure of \$17,000 for the church alone, but this was based upon the expectation of receiving a larger amount from the sale of the manse and missionary cottage which we own in Juneau, both of which were offered for sale. As the situation now stands, the amount available is as follows:

From the Board	\$ 9,000.00
Gift of Mr. Scheide	5,000.00
Sale of missionary cottage	<u>2,900.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$16,900.00</u>

If the house in which Mr. Waggoner is now living is sold, the proceeds can be added to the above to make the total that will be available for the church and a new manse. Under no circumstances, however, can we exceed this total.

Leaving Mr. Waggoner's present residence out of consideration for the moment, we now have in hand \$16,900, out of which we have paid \$1,600 for ground. We understand that \$200 additional may be called for to purchase additional twenty feet on Eighth Street. In that case there is \$15,100 available for building purposes. If we spend this entire amount on the church building, we will be confronted with the necessity of leaving the manse in its present location or building a new manse for whatever amount of money we can secure from its sale. I do not know how much the present manse in which Mr. Waggoner is residing is worth, but if we could sell it for \$4,000, we would not be able to plan for the building of a new manse at any greater expense than \$4,000, unless we reduce the amount we spend on the church building. If we spend the entire \$15,000 now available on the church, we would have no money for the building of a manse excepting what we obtain from the sale of the present residence. If, however, the church could be built for \$14,000, or \$13,000, the difference of \$1,000, or \$2,000, saved on the church could be added to the amount we receive from the sale of the manse in order to build a new manse property. Frankly, I do not believe that we ought to plan for the church building at any greater cost than about \$13,000. There are always extras that have

to be provided for, and it would probably take \$1,000 or so to pay for the extra items that would have to be met and which were not foreseen at the time the contract was given.

I realize that this will make it necessary for Mr. Troast, who I understand is the architect you are employing, to work out some modifications in the plans which we sent to Mr. Waggoner in order to bring it within the figure of \$13,000 or \$14,000, including the heating plant. Even if it is necessary to omit some of the rooms that we had planned in the original building for various activities I would advise doing that in order to keep the total cost within this amount. You will have to provide for the architect's fee also within this figure.

I am opposed to stucco in a country like Juneau where you have so much rain and so much damp weather. A frame building is very much to be preferred. You were wise in erecting your church building at Wrangell of frame construction.

It is my judgment that we should proceed at once with the building of the church, leaving enough room for the manse alongside of the church, but to do nothing about the building of a manse until we can sell the present property in which Mr. Waggoner is residing. Since I do not believe we can secure more than \$4,000 for that property, and as I fear we shall not be able to build a new house for less than between \$5,000 and \$6,000, I do not feel that we can approve a contract price for the church that will exceed \$13,000 or \$14,000. It would be better to adhere to the figure of \$13,000. We can build a very nice church of frame construction for that figure.

I advise against making the auditorium too large. The regular congregations are not large, and all church architects advise against planning a church auditorium for the large number who come out at Christmas and Easter services, leaving a large number of seats vacant in the auditorium at regular services throughout the year. It is my judgment that an auditorium that will seat from 100 to 125 would be quite ample. The membership of the native church is 82, and Mr. Waggoner's monthly reports show an average attendance at church services of considerably less than 50. We must not spend all our money building a large auditorium which will be only comparatively filled at regular services. Let us build sensibly, and provide an auditorium that will comfortably seat the maximum of 125, with room for 150 if it is necessary to bring chairs in on special occasions. Then we can make the best use of the remaining space for the Sunday School with classrooms which can be used also for club work. I would not contemplate that a classroom should be assigned to a certain class in the Sunday School and not used by anyone else. In order to get the largest possible return on the investment, Sunday School classrooms ought to be available also for the activities of age-group organizations.

I wish that you would see Mr. Troast about the matter, asking him either to work over the plans which I sent to Mr. Waggoner on the basis of these suggestions or to draw new plans in conformity with the above. It is understood that the final plans and specifications must be submitted to us with the contract price before any work is begun or any contracts are given.

At the time we projected our native work at Juneau, we were hoping to employ a woman worker and to carry on a thorough-going community program among the native people. We did not expect the present "Roosevelt depression", but it has come, and

our Board is obliged to exercise extreme caution in all of its present expenditures as well as to be exceedingly conservative with reference to any plans for the expansion of our work during the next two or three years at least. Things were looking much brighter last year, and we had the stage all set for an advance, because contributions were increasing. Now the contributions are falling off at an alarming rate, and we must discard all of our plans for expansion and face again the necessity of possibly a greater curtailment than we were obliged to experience three or four years ago. In other words there is no hope at present, nor in the immediate future, of appointing a woman worker. When the Waggoners retire we shall have to depend upon the new minister and his wife to carry on the entire program. I am quite convinced of that for I see nothing hopeful in the immediate future in the way of new funds that can be made available for the enlargement of our Alaska work.

You asked in your letter what the annual operating budget from the Board would be. I will frankly say that the only grants which we would be able to provide in addition to the salary of Mr. Waggoner or his successor would be a comparatively small sum of possibly \$100 or \$200 a year for special equipment for week-day activities that may be developed. I am sorry that we are obliged to abandon the larger plans which we had in mind, but we are compelled to face realities, and the Board will not permit us to spend money now, or to project expenditures for the future, for which the money cannot be provided.

Our Board has definitely committed this project in Juneau to your Committee on National Missions, and has specifically appointed you as Chairman of the Committee to have the oversight of this new building enterprise. Mr. Waggoner cannot object to this because he wrote to me definitely stating that he was at the end of his resources and did not know which way to turn, asking me to come to Alaska to take charge of the situation. Being unable to do this, you have been appointed to represent me in the matter, and I will ask you to attend to all the details as to the preparation of the plans and other matters included in this letter connected with the building of the new church. Of course you will consult and cooperate with Mr. Waggoner, and he will be expected to cooperate in a happy way with you, but your decision will be final with reference to all details after the plans and contract have been approved by my office.

I do not see how you are going to get the time to go to Tacoma to the meeting of the Synod with all this extra work on your mind, but possibly you can find a way to work it out.

We will send checks to you, Mr. Swogger, and Mr. Webster, covering your expenses on the trip to Juneau.

It will not be necessary for the entire Committee to hold any more meetings in Juneau because we are definitely delegating you, as Chairman of the Committee, to attend to the details of the building plans and construction.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to Mr. Waggoner today.

Faithfully yours,

Handwritten: *Handwritten*

July 14, 1938

Copy for Dr. Somerndike

AIR MAIL

Mr. N. C. Banfield
c/o Faulkner & Banfield Juneau, Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Banfield:

We have received the approval of our attorney for the purchase of the property for the Native Church in Juneau and you may now proceed with the closing of the deal.

Kindly send us the deed and any other papers after the transaction has been completed.

Sincerely,

C. H. Wonacott, Treasurer
by: *[Signature]*

L. H. Tribus, Assistant
to the Treasurer

EH *[Handwritten]*

P.S. We assume you will send us a description of the tide-land property even though there may not be a deed. Will you also send us a drawing or sketch of the property, showing the up-land and tide-land?

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Box 275
Wrangell
August 26th 1938

Dr. J. M. Somerndike
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. Somerndike: SPECIFICATIONS JUNEAU CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

This evening I received the plans and specifications for the new church at Juneau, and the Architect wrote that they had forwarded a set of plans and specifications to you. - *not rec'd*

must be in estimate
They stated that the heating plan is not included in this but will be sent as soon as it is completed, along with the specifications for the Plumbing and Heating together. I have no idea at all as to the approximate cost of the plumbing and heating.

Ok
I told Mr. Troast that positively stucco finish would not be approved, and I see that he has omitted that style of finish. He talked the asbestos siding to me and I talked that type of siding over with a good carpenter and contractor in Juneau, and he thought it would be satisfactory. Their arguments are good.

You will have noted on page 20 of the specifications that they allow the contractor a choice of using spruce, hemlock or fir. My recommendation is that you require fir for all joists and studs. The Architect told me that we are in Alaska and must use as much Alaska material as possible when I called his attention to the fact that fir is the superior wood for joists and studs. My observation is that spruce joists are not as satisfactory as fir. Different property owners have told me that they wished they had insisted on fir joists instead of allowing themselves to be talked into spruce. The hemlock is about half way between spruce and fir as I understand the values for joists. We have spruce joists in our Wrangell Church and the shrinkage and expansion according to weather troubles at times. Fir will not ~~xxxx~~ cost much more, if any.

I told Mr. Troast that the specifications should include the requirement that under the church auditorium the wood should be at least 30 inches away from the dirt in unexcavated places.

Perhaps it is understood, but it should be definitely placed in the agreement that there shall be no construction work on Sunday.

On page 26 of the specifications I note that a composition shingle is indicated. I am afraid of the use of the composition shingles. The Methodist Church in Juneau has certainly had grief and is having expense with their use of the composition shingles. It appears to me that the use of the composition shingles is a risk. Perhaps the corner fastenings will be sufficient. I know nothing of them. I expected that the specifications would indicate a treated cedar shingle. A successful contractor and carpenter in Juneau told me that treated cedar shingles would be a much safer risk in the face of the Taku winds. It may be that the new composition shingle Mr. Troast is recommending will be satisfactory. I know nothing about them.

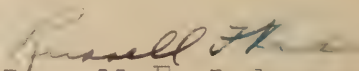
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These are all the comments I find necessary to make on these specifications which I have rather hurriedly gone over while the steamer is in port tonight.

Please indicate any work or representation you wish me to do further. I am willing at all times to do as much as you wish.

Sincerely,


Russell F. Pederson



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BOX 1421, JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 31st 1938

Dear Dr. Smerndike:

Am writing this letter on Mr. Knudsen's typewriter as we are having a short visit. Am enjoying seeing the improvements which he has made in arrangements. His new workshop will be a fine assistance in his boys' club.

This afternoon I had a conference with Architect Troast and Mr. Waggoner.

In my last letter I commented and made certain recommendations, and I will make further comments herein.

Waggoner and I informed Mr. Troast that joists, studs, and trusses should be fir.

After the conference with Waggoner and Troast, I am in accord with the use of the composition shingles as in the specification. The corner clip seems to be the solution to the problem of the wind whipping the shingles loose. The clip is new and appears to be efficient.

Knudsen tells me that he put the asbestos siding on his church at Mountain Iron and he thinks that will be a good siding.

Troast expects to have the plans and specifications for the heating plant in the same mail as this letter goes south. He thinks that bids will be ready by the time the bids on the church structure *are*.

Though it is getting pretty late, they think that the outside work may be completed before the cold weather sets in, if things are not delayed too much.

Am getting this off now so that you will be clear on my comments on the specifications.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS

SHATTUCK BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

September 8, 1938.

Rev. John Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Re: First Presbyterian Church
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Somerndike,

Enclosed herewith are the Specifications
covering the General and the Plumbing and Heating
for the above mentioned building, as well as the
blueprints showing the Heating Plant.

The blueprints covering the General Construction
of the building were mailed you August 23rd.

Bids are being called Sept. 13th and we will
advise you regarding them.

Yours very truly,

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES

By

N. Lester Troast

NLT:HET

Encl.
cc-Pederson, Wrangell,
Waggoner, Juneau.

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Box 275
Wrangell
September 13th 1938

Dr. J. M. Somerndike
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. Somerndike:

Re: First Presbyterian Church, Juneau

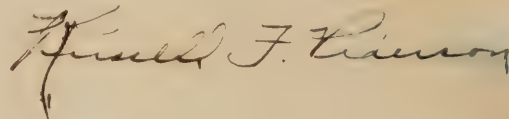
Have just received the plans and specifications for the heating and plumbing of the First Presbyterian Church. I believe that Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Troast have worked out a satisfactory heating plant and plumbing system.

Mr. Waggoner has expressed a desire that two thermostats be installed, one as is indicated in the social room and another in the church auditorium. The idea is that they may have thermostatic control without heating both ends of the building when occasion calls for but part of the church.

Mr. Waggoner has expressed another suggestion which is worthy of consideration, and that is as to further insulation in the walls. That item need not be brought up just now, but is a worthy extra.

Again I wish to suggest that the contracts have a clause prohibiting Sunday labor on the grounds.

Sincerely,



TABULATION OF BIDS

First Presbyterian Church
Juneau, Alaska.

Sept. 13, 1938. 2 P. M.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACTOR	BASIC BID	ALT. 1	ALT. 2	ALT. 3	ALT. 4.
✓ HANS BERG ^{C.C.} 695 ⁰⁰	13,900 ⁰⁰	—	^{ALT} 384 ⁰⁰	^{ALT} 36 ⁰⁰	^{Deduct} 75 ⁰⁰
BOYER & JENSEN ^{B.B.} 75 ⁰⁰	14,440 ⁰⁰	324 ⁰⁰	255 ⁰⁰	^{for} 150 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰
C.C. RULAFORD	16,960 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	—	120 ⁰⁰

PLUMBING AND HEATING

CONTRACTOR	BASIC BID
HANK MACH SHOP	2057 ⁰⁰
✓ RICE & AHLERS	1890 ⁴⁵

Job No. 388

PROPOSAL

Place Juneau, Alaska

Date Sept. 13, 1938

To: The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church

In compliance with your Invitation for Bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees to furnish all materials and labor and perform all work as called for in the Plans and Specifications for the GENERAL of the (General, Plumbing, Heating, etc.) Plans and Specifications prepared by N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES, Architects, Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, for the consideration of THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND 00/100 ***** DOLLARS (\$ 13,900.00).

ALTERNATES:

1. Vapor-Seal sheathing ADD \$ No estimate
2. Kimsul Insulation..... ADD \$ 384.00
3. Silentite Windows.....ADD ~~or DEDUCT~~ \$ 36.00
4. Wood casements for Auditorium
instead of steel.....DEDUCT \$ 75.00

BERG CONSTRUCTION
Contractor

By _____

Address Juneau, Alaska.

Job No. 388- A

PROPOSAL

Place Juneau

Date Sept 13th 1938

To: N. Lester Troast

In compliance with your Invitation for Bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees to furnish all materials and labor and perform all work as called for in the Plans and Specifications for the First Presbyterian Church of the (General, ~~Plumbing~~, Heating, etc.)

Plans and Specifications prepared by N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES, Architects, Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, for the consideration of

Fourteen Thousand four hundred forty DOLLARS
(\$ 14,440⁰⁰).

ALTERNATES:

1. Vapor-Seal sheathing ADD \$ 324⁰⁰
2. Kimsul Insulation, ADD \$ 255⁰⁰
3. Silentite Windows ADD or ~~DEDUCT~~ \$ 1.50 Per unit
4. Wood casements for Auditorium
instead of steel DEDUCT \$ 80⁰⁰

Boyer & Jenson Const Co.
Contractor

By C. E. Boyer

Address Juneau

Job No. 388

PROPOSAL

Place Juneau, Alaska.

Date Sept. 13, 1938

To: N. Lester Troast

In compliance with your Invitation for Bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees to furnish all materials and labor and perform all work as called for in the Plans and Specifications for the GENERAL of the (General, Plumbing, Heating, etc.) Plans and Specifications prepared by N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES, Architects, Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, for the consideration of SIXTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 00/100 ***** DOLLARS (\$ 16,960.00).

ALTERNATES:

1. Vapor-Seal sheathing ADD \$ 500.00
2. Kimsul Insulation, ADD \$ 300.00
3. Silentite Windows.....ADD or DEDUCT \$ ----
4. Wood casements for Auditorium
instead of steel.....DEDUCT \$ 120.00

/s/ CECIL C. RULAFORD
Contractor

By _____

Address Juneau, Alaska.

Job No. 388- P & H.

PROPOSAL

Place Juneau, Alaska

Date Sept. 13, 1938

To: First Presbyterian Church
Juneau, Alaska

In compliance with your Invitation for Bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees to furnish all materials and labor and perform all work as called for in the Plans and Specifications for the PLUMBING AND HEATING WORK of the (General, Plumbing, Heating, Electrical, etc.) FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA. in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES, Architects, Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, for the consideration of

Eighteen hundred ninety 45/100 DOLLARS
(\$ 1890.45)

RICE & AHLERS CO
CONTRACTOR

By John L. Ahlers

Title President

(Address)

Job No. Presbyterian Church

PROPOSAL

Place Juneau, Alaska

Date Sept 13, 1936

To: N.L. Troast

Juneau Alaska

In compliance with your Invitation for Bids, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the undersigned agrees to furnish all materials and labor and perform all work as called for in the Plans and Specifications for the Plumb. & Heating of the (General, Plumbing, Heating, etc.)

Plans and Specifications prepared by N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES, Architects, Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, for the consideration of

TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS DOLLARS

(\$ 2,657.00).

ALTERNATES:

Plumbing	654.00
Heating	1403.00
	<u>2057.00</u>

General Machine Shop

Contractor

By J. B. Brown

Mgr.

Address _____

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Box 1421, JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska,
September 14, 1938.

Dr. John M. Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor:

Yesterday evening I visited Mr. Troast's Office and learned that bids had been offered for the building ^{of the} plant of the First Presbyterian Church of Juneau. Since the building of the Church was placed in the hands of Rev. Pederson of Wrangell, and Mr. Troast of Juneau, I have made no comments to you. At this time, before final action on the plans and specifications, and the acceptance of bids, may I give the reaction of myself and the Building Committee of the First Church.

At your request I turned over to Mr. Troast the blue prints of the plan you sent me for consideration in view of the program you outlined and had in mind for the Native work of Juneau. The plans which you sent were in my estimation exceptionally good for the larger program which you had in mind at the first. Your later request asked that for the present the larger plan which would be for an extra community worker with quarters in the proposed building be abandoned. This of course eliminated the need for the additional upper story, and also changed the requirements of the Building Code that the building be a concrete structure. In this change of plan we here felt there was wisdom, and so stated to Rev. Pederson.

Mr. Troast was advised by Rev. Pederson to prepare plans for a program of work for the community with the community worker program omitted. This changed the plans so that the Building Code permitted frame construction. The remainder of the program was conceded to be necessary if the need of the Juneau was to be met. Your program as outlined in our home when you visited Juneau, and in conference in Pittsburgh, and in the conference in Columbus when my son Ralph was present, embraced three parts-- evangelistic, educational, social. All felt that we would never accomplish the first and second goals unless we in some way took care of the social need of the community. At this time there is not a single place in Juneau where a Native man or woman can meet another Native --except in their house--unless it be in the picture house, the pool-room, or a drinking place. The places where most of our Natives live are not places to receive company. The changing of home conditions is one of our major tasks, and lies at the foundation of having the people of our church in our home as frequently as possible. The whites have their Scout Troups fostered by the Fraternal Organizations, their Churches, and the Service Clubs. A few boys with white fathers and Native mothers have been admitted to these Troups. We have tried Scouts and girls clubs, but they have had to meet in homes where the organizations have been handicapped by their environment, and the attempts have failed.

Our social program, which was suggested and discussed by you, centers in the church building. With the different rooms the clubs can be fostered and promoted. All the rooms in the proposed plant will be used for many different purposes. The basement room will give opportunity for group games and activities. The room marked games will provide for such games and activities as will include two or more persons. The overflow room will pro-

vide a meeting place for the Missionary Society, which meets in the evenings on account of the mothers having to be at their homes in the daytime, and at the same time permit the use of the room marked "Library" for reading and the room marked "Games" for other activities which will not interfere with the service going on in the other room.

The promotion of our educational program and evangelistic program, depends in a large measure upon making the social program effective. I feel that the younger group, ^{this} ~~and~~ largely embraces those who are beginning homes of their own, those between the ages of 21 and 30 years, will take pleasure and pride in inviting visitors from other villages to attend their meetings on Sunday evenings, and such activities during the week as they shall have. This program will bring all into the educational and evangelistic programs. In all rooms except the basement and the church auditorium we asked that blackboards with doors be provided. The back of the doors to be constructed so that materials for class work can be tacked on the them.

We have been fortunate at different times to have the help of trained white teachers in our Sunday School. At present all of these have removed from Juneau. With building of the new plant we feel sure that we will be able to secure needed help again. The situation of the present building with all the classes in one room, and the unsanitary and unsightly location, has discouraged those who might be interested from offering their help. Another condition and problem, which is had in other centers in Alaska, is the fact that the students returning from Sheldon Jackson School do not enter into the Church Program of their homes and give such help in the work as they are trained to give. I am told by other workers that often these students are not seen in their home churches during their entire vacation period. I feel that in Juneau this situation will change with the building of the new plant. The contrast between the environment at Sitka and Juneau, and the difference between the Native plant and the up-to-date plants of the whites, has been too much for them. I pray that the time will come when the young people who go to the various schools for training will come to their homes with the desire to help their home churches to the limit of their ability. For this winter we are deprived of the help of twelve of our young people who have gone to Sitka and Wrangell schools. This makes quite a hole in our leadership among the seniors. However we look for advance in spiritual leadership and conditions with the new plant and the new and larger program.

We do not have to go into details of the evangelistic program, for that runs through all the activities of the church. Sufficient to say that we can come with a stronger and more attractive approach to this task with the equipment which will be at hand in the new plant. The program which you plan for Juneau, and which I gave to Presbytery, both at Juneau last year, and at Angoon this year, is approved by Presbytery. All the members with which I have discussed the program say that is necessary if Presbyterian Native work is to be continued in Juneau. Rev. Webster of Sitka, and Rev. Bromley of Hoonah have visited us in Juneau this summer. Both have strongly endorsed the program as they looked into the local situation. Last week the Juneau Ministerial Association met at our home. All ministers were present except Rev. Classe who was out of town. They spoke of the prospect of the new plant for our people. Mr. Troest had just given me a set of blue prints which I showed to the Brethren, and explained our contemplated program. The men were very much interested in our program and spoke strongly as to its need and breadth. In their estimation the proposed plant was fine, but they said that nothing less would meet the needs of Juneau. Two of these men have been in Juneau 20 years, the others are recent comers. Miss Voss was in our home as she passed through Juneau. She spoke highly of the pro-

gram you propose, and praised the plant designed to carry out the program. Dr. Egly of Riverside also spoke highly of the program when I visited Riverside, and approved the plant which I gave him a tentative description of as Rev. Pederson and Mr. Troast had indicated to me. Dr. Egly said that the Calvary Church would help us as largely as they could when we came to the furnishing of the plant.

In my files of your correspondence re cost of building and plant, you speak of the cost of the buildings to be exclusive of the cost of the site and the architect. Later you say that the cost of the building is not to exceed \$17,000. Rev. Pederson brings to me the information that the cost of ground, architects fee, furnishings, and the cost of new manse beyond the sale price of the present manse was to be deducted. Also that the cost of our plant was based upon the cost and arrangement of the Wrangell plant. This is a serious situation which may defeat the entire purpose of the program. Rev. Pederson finally admitted that the Juneau Program and the Wrangell Program were very different. Juneau is the Capitol of Alaska, a white town marked with very strong racial lines, while Wrangell is largely a community with mixed blood. The important families of Wrangell largely carry Native blood to a greater or less degree. Also that climatic conditions in Juneau differed from Wrangell. Further that the Juneau work would have to be carried on like that of the white churches of Juneau.

We cannot compare the cost of construction of the proposed Juneau plant and that at Wrangell. Wrangell did not have to pay for ground. The cost of material is not the same. In the last year the cost of materials in many instances has advanced 30%. Labor took an advance this summer. The wages and hour law has had its influence. Contractors have been much worried on account of fluctuations in materials prices and the uncertainty of labor. Labor has advanced about 20% since early summer. These conditions must be taken into consideration in the cost of the plant proposed.

You requested that the present manse be sold and a new manse for our work be built. It is estimated today that it will require \$7000 to duplicate the present manse, which is as economical a manse as can be built which will meet the requirements for a missionary with a family with children with boys and girls. When we first talked of a new manse I said that I thought that we could get \$6,000 for the present manse and that amount would build a new manse cost of site not included. The location of the present manse ~~is~~^{was} a most desirable one and for that reason would command the higher price though the house was considered an old one. The present manse has been kept in repair and is not run down.

Two years have past since we made the above statement. The cost of building a new house has increased. The sale price of the present manse has changed. In the first place the only people who are in the market for houses are government officials who are unable to get an apartment, or are those officials who expect to remain in Juneau for some time and would rather run the risk of buying a home with payments about the cost of rent. If they remain in Juneau some time they expect to have a house at the cost of the rents they would have expended. It is a good risk. However the policies of the Government has changed this prospect for us. Most of these men buy property on the F.H.A. plan. The F.H.A. in Juneau heads up in firms who sell materials or do construction. It is difficult to get a F.H.A. loan for anything except a new building. Being political appointees these men have to come under the F.H.A. So I learn that it is impossible to sell the present manse except at a great sacrifice. Business men advise not to attempt to sell at this

time, unless we are willing to give the property away. Rev. Webster and Rev. Bromley advise against the sale now.

In talking the situation over with Re's. Webster and Bromley all felt that the first and most important consideration for Juneau is the program and the plant to carry out that program. The location and building of a manse at this time should not be considered until the new plant is finished and the program initiated. We will not need to consider a manse or a location unless we first begin to meet the problems and needs of Juneau spiritually, is the reaction of us all. Therefore to take away from the amount needed for the new plant to supplement funds for a manse is not wise. In the plans for the new plant there is a room adequate for an office (The Library) where we can meet those who wish to counsel us each day. We have a car which will take us to the new plant quicker than the time consumed in walking to the old plant for the past 25 years. No more heat will be required for the office hours than is necessary for the people using the plant. Let us not at this time handicap the program for Juneau by abridging the plans for the plant to carry on the program. Let us forget the manse until the working of the program shows us just what is needed for a manse. We cannot purchase ground adjacent to the church, so the delay will not affect the final set-up.

In the construction of the plant two things have been kept before Mr. Troast. First the cost of upkeep, and second the maintenance cost of running the plant. You have expressed yourself several times as opposed to stucco construction. I agree with you. However the corner on which we are to build is dusty and a painted wood surface will be dingy in a few weeks. The cost of painting will be a considerable figure. I asked Mr. Troast what other surface could be used which would not show the dust and require frequent painting. Mr. Troast showed Rev. Pederson and myself asbestos strip shingles for outside walls. These are manufactured especially for wall surface. The color is impregnated and the surface does not require painting. The walls can be hosed down and the surface cleaned at any time and the walls do not need painting. Both Rev. Pederson and myself approve these for the exterior walls. The cost is practically the same as siding.

The second item-- cost of running the plant-- is an important one for the congregation. This item is one of the first financial problems for the congregation. We must reach the goal of paying our running expenses at the earliest moment. If the cost is exorbitant the people will not come to the goal with courage. Therefore we must bring the fuel and light bills to a minimum. The lighting will require constant watchfulness. The fuel expense will largely rest with the construction of the building. To bring the fuel bill to the ~~ninety~~ minimum we must have the building properly insulated. Juneau has strong winter gales with low temperatures, the wind at a velocity of 30 miles and the temperature down toward the zero mark. To illustrate, our house has no insulation, hence the heat evaporates. Last winter we paid out \$80. ^{in one month} for fuel oil. Every other month of the winter we paid out \$40. The illustrates the point. In the figures Mr. Troast gave me for the cost of insulation yesterday--I do not have them with me-- we estimated that the cost of insulation would be saved in fuel in less than two years. We urge that this be taken into consideration in the acceptance of the plans and bids.

There is another item in the specifications which should be considered in the final acceptance of plans. That is the type of windows. The "Silentite" window is of a metal construction. Windows made from wood soon rot in this country on account of excessive rain. The windows in the present church

are ready to fall out. We would have had to renew them some time ago, if we had not expected to be in a new building before this. We have not been able to raise or lower the windows for several years, even for ventilation, lest they fall apart. I ~~have~~ put iron corners on most of them five years ago, to keep them together. I believe that the difference in cost of the two types of windows is about \$36. for the whole building. I am sure that there will be no question about this installation.

The location of the new church (since we cannot have a manse on the same site) is a happy one. I am happy that the National Missions Committee approved the site when I showed it to them as our choice since we could not get the location on 9th street and D. It is nearer the center of our congregation and fronts on a more important street. This corner is on the main highway which the tourists take when they visit Mendenhall Glacier. Nearly every tourist boat brings someone who is interested in Presbyterian Missions. Most of the time these tourists are shunted to the white work and the tourist goes away without any knowledge that the National Board has living work going on in Juneau aside from the self supported white work. Those interested in the Board's work for Alaska Natives will have a splendid opportunity to see their work in Juneau in the new location. The construction of the plant must be in keeping with the Board's program. We hope that a good Church Bulletin with moveable type can be installed at the front of the church, bringing to notice of the passer-by a message and the knowledge that it is a Presbyterian Mission.

This harbor is north of our site.
^{been} We have just learned that the funds for the new small boat harbor have been allocated by the Government. The beginning of the work will start by October 1st. Two breakwaters have to be built before the dredging of the harbor is begun. This construction will probably require the winter months. The dredging will begin in the spring. I understand that much of the material of the dredging will be run over the flats between our church site and the harbor. This construction will bring some of the business to this section of the town and add to the desirability of our location. East of the boat harbor and north of the cemetery a new addition for white residences is being opened for whites. I understand from information in the papers that the district is restricted. This again adds to the importance of the new location. I am sure with the coming of renewed prosperity to our people we may look for the building of homes by the younger generation near and around the new church. The appropriation for the new harbor as advertised is \$280,000. The city of Juneau is voting next week to bond the City for \$100,000 for street improvements, part of which amount is to improve the street leading from the main part of the City to the Boat Harbor, which street goes past our new site. The Federal Government has been asked for \$350,000 to enlarge the Federal Building. I understand that this is approved by the Committee in Washington. The enrollment in the schools of Juneau will reach 1000 ^{this fall} the superintendent of schools says. Juneau is growing in a phenomenal way. It would not be surprising to see Juneau add 50% to its population in the next five years. Military and naval plans for Juneau are far reaching.

If you have carefully looked at the plot of ground purchased by the Board for the new church you notice that the lot is not square. To get the building, as planned by Mr. Troast, within the purchased lot the building would be closer to the street than would be best for its appearance. To square the lot a triangular piece of ground is needed. I am enclosing the blue print of the survey which shows this. (A) is the plot purchased from Mrs. Streed. (B) is the piece of ground necessary to square the lot. A member of our Building Committee is one of the heirs owning this particular parcel

of ground. The heirs, or owners of the ground at the suggestion of Mrs. Oswald of the Building Committee, have given this parcel of ground to the Board as a memorial gift for the mother who was a faithful worker in our church and for the Native people. I am enclosing the deed to this property.

Thus far I have cared for the financial obligations in connection with the building of the church, except any fee that shall be due to Lawyer Faulkner. The bills are as follows:

Survey of the lot and the establishing of the corners by	
Frank Metcalf, as per statement	\$30.00
Recording of deed to Streed lot	1.80
Recording of deed from Orsen Heirs and Indexing	2.80
Total due David Waggoner	<u>\$34.60</u>

I am enclosing herewith the deeds for the above plots of ground and the blue print of the survey.

I am placing at my own expense iron pipe at each of the corners of the lot for the church. I am doing this that we may have permanent markers which will show street lines. Eighth Street will be filled in with rock as soon as sewer is laid and before the builder begins his carpenter work. E street will be a paved street eventually. Our markers will show the sidewalk line.

Mr. Troast told me last evening that he is sending the bids and other data to you on first boat going south. This letter probably will be in the same mail. In our conversation last evening Mr. Troast said that some reductions could be made probably in cost of hardware and electrical fixtures. It has been his plan to construct a building which will stand up in the climatic conditions of Juneau. We here are praying that the plans and bids will be accepted. That for the present the construction of the manse will be set aside until we are definitely sure where we want it. We are so anxious to get the new program under way, and that we will not have to go through another winter's discomfort in the old building. It is probable that Mrs. Waggoner and others would not have had their sickness last winter had we been able to get the old building warm.

Mr. Troast thinks that if the bids are accepted, and the same notice is sent to him by wire that we can get the building under way and ready for occupancy by January first. We are praying to that end.

Sincerely yours,

David Waggoner
David Waggoner.

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS

SHATTUCK BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Sept. 14, 1938.

Dr. John Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike,

We are sending you herewith copies of the Bids and Tabulations of Bids received on the proposed First Presbyterian Church of Juneau.

After a number of conferences on the building requirements, it was found just about impossible to reduce the requirements, so it was thought advisable to obtain bids on what the Committee and Rev. Waggoner thought would be the least space necessary and then, if found necessary, make the reduction with the low bidder.

The bids received are about in line with our estimates but about \$1,500.00 more than you allowed for the project. We still can cut the cost about \$400. or \$500. without materially effecting the building or cutting down the space. However, if further cuts are to be made, it will be necessary to eliminate some of the space thought necessary to meet the requirements of the work in Juneau.

Personally, I feel that this should not be done, however, if necessary, it can be done.

Would suggest you go over the bids carefully and advise us your reaction by wire. We can then make the adjustments with the low bidder and award the contract so work can get started immediately.

We recommend the award of the General Construction to the Berg Construction Co. and the Plumbing and Heating work to the Rice & Ahlers Co., as we consider their bids very satisfactory and both firms are reliable and will give us full value on a contract.

Yours very truly,

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES

By N. Lester Troast

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Box 1421, JUNEAU, ALASKA

Box 275
Wrangell
September 19th 1938

Dr. J. M. Somerndike
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. Somerndike:

Your letter of September 7th about the new native church building in Juneau and a letter from Mr. Troast dated September 14th with data on bids came to me the same day.

I realize that these bids are away over the amount promised for the plant. I kept insisting that \$13,000 or \$14,000 had to be the figure. They maintained that the plans submitted brought nothing more than you had outlined as a plan for the plant, and that they felt the proper procedure was to follow your detail. Mr. Waggoner thinks that this plant is just what is needed for that church to serve as the community center which is so sorely needed in Juneau.

Mr. Waggoner has done much carpenter and construction work. I think that he knows good building. My recommendation is that you request him to represent the Board of National Missions while the building is under construction. He is right there and can without any interruption to his work drop around to the job.

I am glad to do anything you wish me to do, for I am interested both personally and as a N. M. Committeeman.

Dr. Somerndike, my idea is that the present manse should be used for Rev. and Mrs. Waggoner, but there should be a change for his successor. The present manse is altogether too far from the site of the church to be convenient or practical. My recommendation is that before Mr. Waggoner's successor is appointed a new manse be erected and the present manse be made the residence of the "Presbyterial Evangelist" who it is expected will have his headquarters in Juneau.

Another Klawock church member came to see me today. Mr. George Demmert has been organist or choir leader from time to time for years. He is much concerned as to the urgency of the arrival of the new missionary and wife. He urged that the missionary have a good experienced wife, one who knows women's missionary work. I told him you are doing your utmost to hasten the arrival of the best missionaries available. Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

Sept.
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Rev. David Waggoner,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Waggoner:

Your letter of September 14th with its enclosures was received after Dr. Somerndike had left the office to fill a number of synod engagements. We are therefore obliged to hold it along with the specifications and bids from Mr. Troast on the new church building, until Dr. Somerndike's return the latter part of October. We deeply regret this delay but feel sure that Dr. Somerndike will give the matter his immediate attention upon his return when you may expect to hear from him.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Somerndike.

BH

P. S. We are sending you a check for \$34.60 to reimburse you for your expenditures in connection with the survey of the lot and recording of deeds.

B. H.

Sept.
23rd
1938

N. Lester Troast & Associates,
Shattuck Building,
Juneau, Alaska

Attention: Mr. N. Lester Troast

Dear Mr. Troast:

Your letters enclosing specifications and bids on the proposed new native church building in Juneau, have been received during Dr. Somerndike's absence from the office on an extended field itinerary. We are holding them for his attention upon his return, the latter part of October, and at that time I am sure he will give the matter his immediate attention.

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October 26, 1938

Mr. N. Lester Troast and Associates
Shattuck Building
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Troast:

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As the situation now stands, since we have abandoned the idea of building a new manse, we have approximately the sum of \$15,000. available in connection with the building of the church, which as you see is about \$1000. less than the contract price, without including architect's fees. I am willing to assume the responsibility for securing one-half of this amount. I will ask you, therefore, to make such modifications as may be necessary to reduce the cost by about \$600.00, making the contract price for the general construction, with the changes noted above and for heating, approximately \$15,500. I will assume responsibility for raising this additional \$500.00 over and above the \$15,000. that is now available and I hope that you will not think that I am too bold in suggesting that the architect's bill will be made as modest as you can conscientiously make it in consideration of the fact that this is wholly a missionary enterprise. I am ready to authorize you to proceed at once with the awarding of the contract and the work of erecting the building upon receipt of a wire from you saying that you have made such changes in the plans and specifications as will bring the total cost down to \$15,500, with the understanding that this includes insulation, silentite windows and a heating plant in accordance with the specifications.

I have received a long letter from Mr. Waggoner regarding the details of the new building. He does not want us to sacrifice any of the essential features of the plan that has been submitted for the building and we are heartily in sympathy with his point of view. In asking you to bring the contract price down to \$15,000. we are acting upon the suggestion contained in your letter that you could cut the cost from \$400. to \$500. without materially affecting the building or cutting down the space. I assume, therefore, that the changes which you will make will be of a minor character and that you

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Your fee will be paid by separate check in accordance with

your contract

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shall be glad to cooperate with you in every possible way

Very sincerely yours,

N. Leister Troast and Associates,
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Gentlemen:

Dr. John Somerndike of this Board has referred the question of the construction of the Memorial Church in Juneau to my Department, inasmuch as in matters pertaining to the erection of buildings or the purchase or sale of property I act as attorney for the Board.

While we are anxious to complete the erection of this church, I must insist that the work be carried out in accordance with certain standards usually followed in such cases:-

First, will you prepare - or if you prefer, I shall do so, a contract on the form approved by the American Society of Architects, setting forth the amount of your fee, when it is payable, and the responsibilities which you intend to assume in the construction of the aforementioned church? I assume that such contract will provide that you will supervise all details of construction in addition to preparing and furnishing plans for the approval of the Board and the local Committee.

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November 11, 1938

Lester Froast & Associates
Muneau, Alaska

Mr. Scheide who is giving large share of cost of Memorial Church desires certain changes in plans. Also the Board's Attorney requires certain procedures to be followed regarding contract. Letter from him to you going by air mail today, you must postpone letting contract until these details have been cleared.

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Juneau, Alaska

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Board's Attorney requires
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followed regarding contract.
~~About~~ Letter from him to
you going by air mail today.
~~you must~~
~~there~~ postpone letting
contract until these details
have been cleared

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Nov.
12th
1938

N. Lester Troast and Associates,
Shattuck Building,
Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I wired you yesterday, as follows:-

MR. SCHEIDE WHO IS GIVING LARGE SHARE OF COST OF MEMORIAL CHURCH DESIRES CERTAIN CHANGES IN PLANS ALSO THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY REQUIRES CERTAIN PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED REGARDING CONTRACT LETTER FROM HIM TO YOU GOING BY AIR MAIL TODAY YOU MUST POSTPONE LETTING CONTRACT UNTIL THESE DETAILS HAVE BEEN CLEARED

Our Board has certain rules with reference to contracts, etc., which must be observed; and in obedience to these rules I was under obligation to request the Board's attorney to write to you giving you a full statement of what the Board requires in conformity with our regular custom in the expenditure of money for the erection of new buildings. I am sure you will have no difficulty in complying with the requests contained in Mr. Tribus' letter.

In today's mail I received a letter from Mr. Scheide, who is providing a generous portion of the money for the building of the new Memorial Church. After looking over the plans, he makes the following suggestions:-

"Basement floor plan - we are wondering what means of ventilation there are for the men's lavatory. We notice that there are windows in the kitchen and the boiler room, but we can find no provisions for ventilating the men's room. We imagine that it is not practical to put a window under the outside door; and if a window is not practical in the side facing the front and no other provisions for ventilation are available, would it not be possible to put the men's room where the storage room is now located, and use the present men's room for storage, for we note there is a window indicated in the storage room. We note that the floor in the recreation room is concrete, and I am wondering whether it has been thought wise to have a drainage outlet for this floor into the sewer in case they should wish to hose it out.

"Tower roof plan - we are in considerable doubt as to the kind of roof material that is called for. Our guess is that it is galvanized iron. Are we correct? If so, how satisfactory is this roofing material in that climate? And then we notice that the roof is relatively flat and would be likely to catch and hold the snow and ice within the parapet. We are wondering whether you would think it worth while having this re-designed, doing away with the parapet and having the snow and ice. If the contract has already been let and the work started, it may be too late to consider this. This feature may have already been given study, not only by the architect and the local committee but in your own office. In any event, I trust there has been no harm done in making this inquiry."

"Our recollection of Juneau is that most of the Indians lived on the tide flats and that their houses were built on piles. Our recollection is that the church building that we saw then was in that same area and was also built on piles. The plans for the new building call for a basement so we presume that the site of the new building is well back on the land, and the fact that there is a kitchen and a toilet room in the basement would seem to presume that there is a sewer in one of the two streets well below the level of the basement. From this we would imagine that the sewer at that point is not only well above high tide but above such high water as may have been occasioned by a high off-shore wind, occurring with a high tide, so that there would be no danger of water backing up into the basement under such conditions - or have you in mind installing a butterfly trap valve in the sewer where it enters the building."

I hope you will give very earnest consideration to these suggestions which Mr. Scheide has made because they seem to me to be very wise and very sound, particularly the suggestion with reference to the location of the men's lavatory, and the last one referring to the location of the building in such a way as to be well above the sewer, so that there will be no danger of water backing up into the basement. It might be well to install the butterfly trap valve if there should be any such danger as Mr. Scheide suggests and if it is not too expensive.

We shall be awaiting your advice in response to the letter of Mr. Tribus and also concerning these matters.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

Charge to the account of _____

\$ _____

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ACCT'G INFMN.
TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

*James T. White
Alaska*

NOVEMBER 17, 1938

LESTER TROAST AND ASSOCIATES
JUNEAU
ALASKA

PLEASE PLACE NAME QUOTE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNQUOTE
OVER MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR AND ALSO ON CORNERSTONE STOP LETTER
FOLLOWS

J. M. SOMERNDIKE

Send due bill to Room 708, 156 Fifth Ave.
Send cheapest rate.

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

November 18th, 1938

Lester Troast and Associates
Juneau
Alaska

Gentlemen:

As you are probably aware, there has been a conflict for many years between Mr. Waggoner's church and Mr. Glasse's church regarding the name of the latter's congregation. It was agreed that the name of the new church should be the "Memorial Presbyterian Church" and that it should no longer be known as the First Presbyterian Church. In order to avoid any possible misunderstanding regarding this matter it has occurred to me that it would be best for us to set the name "Memorial Presbyterian Church" into the wall of the building at the front entrance. Concrete blocks might be used, having raised letters, and they might be set into the wall just above the main entrance double doorway and just underneath the window of the tower. The letters should be in a size that would be proportionate to the size of the tower so that it would have a good appearance. The name, of course, should be cut into the cornerstone. I presume that Mr. Waggoner has already provided for that, but if he has not done so, will you please see that the corner stone bears the name MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

I shall be glad to receive a letter from you confirming these instructions and stating whether the location which I have suggested for the name over the main entrance door is satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:PDS

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS

SHATTUCK BUILDING

JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 26, 1938.

John Somerndike
John Somerndike

Dr. John Somerndike, Secretary,
Board of National Missions of the
Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Re: Memorial Presbyterian Church
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Somerndike,

Referring to your letter of November 12th regarding the Plans for the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau and with reference to the suggestions made by Mr. Schcide, we have gone over the entire matter carefully and all items have been corrected.

After awarding the contract, it was necessary to make a number of changes in the plans to come within the money allowed and to meet additional building restrictions that were not contemplated. As you will note, we have practically re-drawn the entire set of plans.

With reference to the Men's Lavatory, at the time the original plans were prepared, the City Engineer gave us the impression the sewer would be placed low enough so that we could place this unit in the basement. Since then, however, the City has installed the sewer and it is several feet above our basement floor, so it was necessary to re-locate the Men's Lavatory on the first floor. This works out fairly satisfactorily. The Kitchen Sink and Boiler Room drain will be connected to a small cess pool and will be provided with a butterfly valve.

Regarding the tower roof plan, this roof is covered with galvanized iron, as called for on the Plans. This type of roof works very satisfactory in Juneau and no trouble will be experienced with same. You will note that the parapet has been omitted on the rear portion, thus allowing ample chance for the rain and snow to drain. We have a number of installations of this kind and thus far have not had any trouble.

The new building is located on an entirely different section of the town than the old Church and is over 500 feet from the tide water. The maximum high tide is just about the level of our basement floor but as there is practically an earth dam approximately 500 feet wide between the building and the Channel, there is no danger of the tide waters ever reaching the building. During the time we excavated for the basement, the tides were at their maximum but the excavation was perfectly dry with no indications of any water whatsoever.

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS

SHATTUCK BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Page #2.

We are waterproofing the basement walls and floor as an added precaution and will place a butterfly trap valve in the sewer that takes care of the Boiler Room and Kitchen Sink.

Work is progressing fairly well and by the end of the week we should have all concrete poured for the basement and foundation walls and be well under way with the framing.

Yours very truly,

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES

By

N. Lester Troast

NLT:HET.

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS
SHATTUCK BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 28, 1938.

Dr. John Somerndike,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike,

With reference to your letter regarding the corner stone and name over the door, you will note that we have placed the name over the Main Entrance door in the Gothic head and will also include it on the Corner Stone.

We are making a larger scale detail of the entrance and plan to have Rev. Geo. Beck make up the letters for this work.

We believe that this will work out better than placing the name over the arch as you suggested and will be less costly, as we are quite sure Mr. Beck will be only too glad to do this for us. We will make up the full size detail for his to follow.

The name "Memorial Presbyterian Church" is being used in connection with all publicity in connection with the building and nothing can change it now. Mr. Waggoner is very well pleased with it.

Do you have anything special you would like on the corner stone. We have thought that it should contain the following:

Memorial Presbyterian Church
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian
Church in the U. S. A.

1887

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1838

As soon as the details for the entrance are completed, we will send you a copy for your approval.

As soon as you receive this revised set of plans, will you please return the original set, which are of no value now.

Yours very truly,

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES

By

N. Lester Troast

Dec.
9th
.1938

Mr. N. Lester Troast,
Shattuck Building,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Troast:

Replying to your letter of November 28th, I wish to say that I have received the revised plans and have gone over them carefully. I am pleased with the arrangement to insert the name, MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, in the Gothic head over the main entrance door.

With reference to the cornerstone, I have approved the wording as given in your letter, as follows:

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

1887 - 1938

I heartily approve the modifications which you have made in the original plan, which do not seem to have sacrificed any of the essential features which we were so anxious to retain in the building.

I am returning the former set of plans, as you have requested.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BN

January 3, 1939

MEMORANDUM TO MR. HIRST

In connection with the proposed purchase by the United States of a building owned by the Presbyterian Church, which is situated near the Indian School and Indian settlements in Juneau, Alaska, the following title data is needed before the proposed purchase will be submitted to the Department for approval:

1. A certificate from the District Recorder showing that there are no bills of sale, leases, licenses, mortgage, liens, judgments and other encumbrances of record which would affect title to the building under consideration.
2. A certificate from the proper taxing official to the effect that the improvements are not encumbered with any tax liens or tax sales.
3. An affidavit by the Government official handling the transaction in the field to the effect that after a diligent investigation, he found that title to the improvement is vested in the Presbyterian Church.
4. Certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors, or trustees, of the Presbyterian Church authorizing the sale of the improvements to the United States and relinquishing possession of the building site actually in their use and occupancy by a quitclaim deed. In addition, the Board of Directors, or trustees, should authorize and direct certain officers to execute the bill of sale and the quitclaim deed.
5. A customary departmental report on possessory rights should be submitted.
6. A bill of sale transferring the improvements properly executed, stamped and recorded.
7. A quitclaim deed relinquishing the Church's interest and possession to the building site properly executed and placed of record.

The authority to make this purchase is found in the Act of May 10, 1939 (Public No. 68 - 76th Congress).

s/s J. M. Stewart
Director of Lands

Jan. 17, 1939

Copy for Dr. Somerndike

The B. M. Behrends Bank
Juneau
Alaska

Juneau, Native, Alaska

Att: Mr. Geo. E. Cleveland, Vice-president

Dear Sir:

We have advised the Bank of the Manhattan Company, 40 Wall Street, New York City, to deposit \$7,500 to the account of the B. M. Behrends Bank, Juneau, Alaska, charging same to our account.

The cost of the construction of the Native Presbyterian Church at Juneau, Alaska, in accordance with the terms of the contract, is not to exceed \$15,000.

It is our understanding that the total cost of the entire project, including architect's fees, plumbing, and heating, shall not exceed \$15,500. It is hoped that the entire project can be completed, however, for the \$15,000 amount.

Kindly continue carrying out the escrow instructions as previously agreed on.

Thanking you for your splendid assistance to date, I remain

Cordially yours,

C. H. Wonacott, Treasurer
by:

L. H. Tribus, Assistant
to the Treasurer

LHT:EH

cc. N. Lester Treast & Associates
Juneau, Alaska

HANS BERG

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Materials and Rental up till Feb. 10, 1939

	F. J. Sommers Construction Co.	\$ 118	50
	Juneau Water Co.	10	00
	Hans Berg November Statement	79	35
	Hans Berg December Statement	162	41
	Hans Berg January Statement	68	88
	Lemon Creek Sand and Gravel	8	75
	Alaska Electric Light and Power Co.	300	00
	Rice and Ahlers	240	00
	Juneau Lumber Mills	864	82
	Columbia Lumber Co.	611	85
	Juneau Young Hardware	89	88
	Thomas Hardware	54	02
	W. P. Fuller Co.	1159	15
	Pioneer Sand and Gravel	1053	04
	J. B. Warrack	12	50
	Jacks Transfer	150	00
	Alaska Dock and Storage	294	38
	Isacson Iron Works	102	14
	G. E. Krause	975	39
	Kafft's Cabinet Shop	3	50
	Insurance	419	19
	Sub Total	6,787	25
	Pay rolls to March 11, 1939	5,660	08
	Total		
	Grand Total	\$ 12,447	33
	Percentage at 10%	1,244	70
	Interest at 8% at 8 months	66	50
	AMOUNT DUE	\$ 1,311	20

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

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	Insurance	\$ 419	19X
	R J Sommers Construction Co.	\$ 118	50X
	Juneau Water Co.	\$ 10	00
	Hans Berg November Statement	\$ 79	35
	Hans Berg December Statement	\$ 162	41
	Hans Berg January Statement	\$ 68	88
	Lemon Creek Sand and Gravel	\$ 8	75X
	Alaska Electric Light and Power Co.	\$ 300	00
	Rice and Ahlers	\$ 250	00
	Juneau Lumber Mills	\$ 864	82
	Columbia Lumber Mills	\$ 611	35
	Juneau Young Hardware	\$ 89	88
	Thomas Hardware	\$ 54	02
	W P Fuller Co.	\$ 1159	15
	Pioneer Sand and Gravel	\$ 1053	04
	J B Warrack	\$ 12	50X
	Jacks Transfer	\$ 150	00
	Alaska Dock and Storage	\$ 294	38
	Isacson Iron Works	\$ 102	14
	G E Krause	\$ 975	39
	Krafft's Cabinet Shop	\$ 3	50
	Total	\$ 6787	25
	Payrolls to Mar. 11, 1939	\$ 5660	08X
	Grand Total	\$ 12447	33
	Pr. Centage 10%	1244	70

Difference
744.70

HANS BERG

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Materials and rentals up till Feb. 10. 1939

	R. J. Sommers Construction Co.	✓	\$ 118	50	
	Juneau Water Co.	✓	10	00	
	Hans Berg November Statement	✓	79	35	
	Hans Berg December Statement	✓	162	41	
	Hans Berg January Statement	✓	68	88	
	Lemon Creek Sand and Gravel	✓	8	75	
	Alaska Electric Light and Power Co.		300	00	
	Juneau Lumber Mills		864 82	82	
	Columbia Lumber Co.		611	35	
	Juneau Young Hardware		89	88	
	Thomas Hardware		54	02	
	W. P. Fuller Co.		1,159	15	
	Pioneer Sand and Gravel		1,053	04	
	J. B. Warrack	✓	12	50	
	Jacks Transfer		150	00	
	Alaska Dock and Storage		294	38	
	Isaacson Iron Works		102	14	
	G. W. Krause		975	89	
	Kraft's Cabinet Shop		380	50	
	Insurance	✓	419	19	
	MATERIAL TOTAL-----		6,537	25	
	Payrolls to March 11, 1939 TOTAL-----	✓	5,860	08	
	TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO PERCENTAGE-----		12,197	33	
	AMOUNT DUE US 10%-----		1,219	73	

5.00 10.00 15.00 20.00 25.00 30.00 35.00 40.00 45.00 50.00 55.00 60.00 65.00 70.00 75.00 80.00 85.00 90.00 95.00 100.00



DEDICATION SERVICE
August 20, 1939.
Rev. David Waggoner, Minister.

The Session-
James Jackson
Ralph P. Waggoner
Mrs. Jennie Holst
Mrs. Clara Darlow
David Wallace
W. Stanley Sutton

Board of Deacons
Mrs. Hazel Dennis
D. Harrold
Mrs. Kitty Villoria
James Seannett
James Miller
Mrs. Gus Adams

ORDER OF SERVICE

Benediction

Invocation

Response

Psalm Selection 115

Hymn 195

Announcements & Offering

Choir.. Anthem....."Make a Joyful Noise."

Sermon..... Rev.J.L.Webster, First Church of Sitka.

"What manner of House will ye build Me?" R.V. Acts 7:49.

Formal Dedication Service.

Scripture.....Rev.John A.Glasse, Northern Light Church.

Act of DedicationThe Pastor leading.

Closing Benediction Congregation Seated.

Choir.

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Pastor- To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have built this house:

To the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God,

our Lord and Saviour;

To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of life and light;

Congregation--- We dedicate this house.

Pastor- For the worship in prayer and song; For the ministry of the Word;

For the celebration of the holy sacraments;

Congregation-- We dedicate this house.

Pastor- For comfort to those who mourn, For strength to those who are tempted, For help in right living;

Congregation-- We dedicate this house.

Pastor- For the sanctification of the family, For the guidance of childhood, For the salvation of men;

Congregation-- We dedicate this house.

Pastor- For the fostering of patriotism, For the training of conscience, For aggression against evil;

Congregation-- We dedicate this house.

Pastor- For the help of the needy, For the promotion of brotherhood, For bringing in the Kingdom of God;

Congregation-- We dedicate this house.

Pastor- As a tribute of gratitude and love, a freewill offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of Thy salvation, and experienced the riches of Thy grace;

Congregation-- We, the people of this Church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

All join in singing the Gloria.

Prayer of Dedication.

Choir and Congregation join in singing Hymn 34-
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Benediction.

We praise Thee, O God: We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting. To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein; To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim; continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth: Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy Glory. The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee. The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee: The Father: of an infinite Majesty: Thine adorable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost; the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage. Govern them: and lift them up forever. Day by day: we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy name; ever, world without end.

Preserve, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Alaska Electric Light & Power Co.

35 Front Street

JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 31st. 1939

STATEMENT OF YOUR ACCOUNT

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions
Juneau, Alaska

DATE		CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
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BUILDING ACCOUNT

1938		Elec.current	Material	
Nov	#12288	1.00	7.50	
	#12297		12.95	
Dec	#12601	4.70	1.20	
	#12749		.60	
	#13260		.55	
	#13332 ✓		23.50	
	#13353		2.50	
1939				
Jan	#13949	7.70	1.20	
	#14147		2.00	
Feb	#14876	7.25	308.10	
Mch		3.25		
Apl	#16255	2.30	68.90	
		3.50		
May	#16395	2.50	94.10 -	
	#163.96		49.90	
	#16901		2.15	
June	#17045		25.15 -	
		<u>32.20</u>	<u>600.30</u>	632.50

1938				
Dec.	Paid			21.45
1939				
Jan	"			33.05
Feb	"			10.90
Apl	"			200.00
May	"			100.00
	#16395 Labor credit			34.35 -
	#17045 " "			18.10 -
	Material returned			2.20
	#13332 Material charge cancelled			23.50
				<u>443.55</u>

188.95



Certificate No. 97. N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES \$ 500.00
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
JUNEAU, ALASKA July 20 1939

This is to certify that under the terms of contract dated November 5, 1938
for work done at MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA
by BERG CONSTRUCTION CO., JUNEAU, ALASKA
Contractor for GENERAL CONSTRUCTION is entitled to the
payment amounting to *** FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 **** Dollars

Amount of contract	\$ 13,000.00	Amount of work to date	
Additional ^{funds} work to date	1,685.94	Retained percentage	
Amount of credits		Previous payments	\$ 14,158.98
Total	\$ 14,685.94	Amount of this Certificate	500.00 *
Total paid including this Certificate	\$ 14,658.98	N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES	
Balance	\$ 26.96	By <i>N. Lester Troast</i>	

\$ 500.00 Juneau, Alaska, July 20, 1939
Received from MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA
**** FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100, ***** Dollars
as per above certificate. BERG CONSTRUCTION CO.

By *H. Berg*

Certificate No. 98.

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES

\$ 188.95

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Sept. 27 1939

This is to certify that under the terms of contract dated November 5, 1938

for work done at MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA

by BERG CONSTRUCTION CO., JUNEAU, ALASKA

Contractor for GENERAL CONSTRUCTION is entitled to the

payment amounting to ONE EIGHTY EIGHT AND 95/100 ***** Dollars

Amount of contract funds \$ 13,000.00
1,685.94 *

Additional work to date 250.00 **

Amount of credits

Total \$ 14,935.94

Total paid including this Certificate \$ 14,847.93

Balance \$ 88.01

Amount of work to date

Retained percentage

Previous payments \$ 14,658.98

Amount of this Certificate 188.95 ***

N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES

By

N. Lester Troast

\$ 188.95

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 27 1939

Received from MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA

**** ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT AND 95/100 ***** Dollars

as per above certificate.

ALASKA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO.

By

C. B. Holland
Cashier

* Additional funds as listed on Cert. # 97.

*** A.E.L. & P. bill IN FULL.

** Deposited by Board of Nat. Missions, per letter Aug. 18th.

Paid from MEMORIAL CHURCH BUILDING FUND check #25 - \$21.85
together with Cashier's Check to cover this certificate
Both checks written Oct. 9, 1939 and taken on account Jan. 31, 1940,
by J. L. Ahlers. (A payment of \$ 109.86 on Contract.)

Certificate No. 99.....
P & H # 4.
N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
JUNEAU, ALASKA
\$ 88.01
Oct. 9 1939

This is to certify that under the terms of contract dated December 3, 1938
for work done at MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA
by RICE & AHLERS COMPANY, JUNEAU, ALASKA
Contractor for PLUMBING AND HEATING is entitled to the
payment amounting to EIGHTY EIGHT AND 01/100 ***** Dollars

TOTAL Amount of contract FUNDS	\$ 16,250.00	Amount of work to date	
Additional work to date		Retained percentage	
Amount of credits		Previous payments	\$ 16,161.99
Total FUNDS	\$ 16,250.00	Amount of this Certificate	88.01
Total paid including this Certificate	\$ 16,250.00	N. LESTER TROAST & ASSOCIATES	
Balance		By <i>N. Lester Troast</i>	

\$ 88.01 Juneau, Alaska, October 1939
Received from MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JUNEAU, ALASKA
**** EIGHTY EIGHT AND 01/100 ***** Dollars

as per above certificate.
RICE & AHLERS CO.
By *John L. Ahlers*

Payment on final bill.

12/11/39
A.S.I.

BERG CONSTRUCTION CO.

Juneau, Alaska

DEPT. MORTGAGES & PROPERTY

DEC 9 1939

November 27, 1939

Board of National Mission
of the Presbyterian Church
in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.
Mr. L. H. Tribus, Assistant to the Treasurer

Dear Sir:

On September 13, 1938, I gave you a bid building a church building as under the title, First Presbyterian Church, Juneau, Alaska. The architect thought the contract should be let in no more than twenty days. The first day of November the architects office notified me that work was approved. At that time I had already notified that office that since the thirty day limit had expired without action or reply from the board. The Reverend Waggoner and the architect were very eager to start and on the fifth day of November signed a contract to start construction on a cost plus 10% basis, the owner to supply all materials.

In the original bid there were a number of alternates and extras above a stated sum which is Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred (\$13,900.00) Dollars, plus alternate No. 2 Kimsul Insulation, \$384.00 and alternate No. 3, Silentite Windows, \$36.00.

The architect and owner said all we could spend was thirteen thousand. They were told at that time of year when there is frost, snow, and sleet, that it would be impossible to do the work for that amount because labor would run about 30% higher. They agreed to go as far as we could and close up. On November 7 we started staking out the grounds and excavation started the next day. When we started to build forms for concrete they decided to add a full concrete room for the heating plant, another extra amounting to about \$300.00. There were numerous small extra items put in by architects or owners orders to strengthen the building. The large window in the auditorium was paid with that sum, which was also an extra of about \$150.00.

On February 10, we closed operations. They did some work by gratis labor

and I have done some and was on the job daily. On March 11, I was asked to pay the men they had hired and did so as payroll sheet shows. At that time I sent also a full statement of costs of materials up to February 10, and labor to March 11, which totals \$12,447.33 and added my percentage \$1,244.70, making a total of \$13,692.03. These are the figures given by Troast's office and I presume your office was sent a copy of this statement. We have waited patiently for a check. Some time ago Troast's office called and wanted to settle in full for \$500.00. I do not see any reason for such and have reason to believe that your office has no knowledge of this. The architect's office and owner let all of the subcontracts and therefore I had no control of these items and some were higher than estimated.

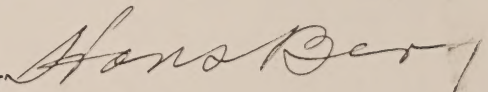
The church had out a subscription list and I told Reverend Waggoner that if I could receive my money I would give \$100.00 to the church and this offer is still good. However, interest on \$1144.70 at 8% for 8 months is \$66.50 which brings my percentage to a total One Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,211.20). I do not charge interest on the sum intended as a gift to the church.

Hoping that this letter will give you the necessary information for payment of money due. I could of course file a lien on the property in due time but this is the last recourse taken, especially on a church.

Please reply as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

BEFG CONSTRUCTION CO.

By 
President

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